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EDMONDS CIVIC FIELD ONE STEP CLOSER TO REDEVELOPMENT WITH SNOHOMISH COUNTY FUNDING

Snohomish County Grants \$450,000 to Civic Field Redevelopment

(Edmonds, WA) – The redevelopment of Edmonds Civic Field received a big boost of support with the announcement that the Snohomish County Council has agreed to allocate \$450,000, over three years, to the project. The County made the announcement after finalizing its budget before the end of the year and just recently contacted the City of Edmonds to begin the process of an Interlocal Agreement for the City to accept the funds.

“This is fantastic news for our entire community, and we really appreciate the support from Snohomish County,” says City of Edmonds Parks and Recreation Director Carrie Hite. “When the City of Edmonds acquired this property and planned for its redevelopment, we knew it would take all of our community partners to help us achieve our goal. County Councilmember Stephanie Wright led this effort and we want to thank her for her leadership!”

According to Hite, the acquisition and development of Civic Field property has been a top priority for the City and a part of the City’s Comprehensive Plan since the 1980s. This allocation from Snohomish County, along with a previous \$1.5 million grant from the Hazel Miller Foundation and the \$2 million set aside in City funds, provides a substantial base for achieving the community’s goal.

“The City of Edmonds is incredibly grateful for the generous support of Snohomish County in helping with the Civic Field project,” says Edmonds Mayor Dave Earling. “We hope this allocation will inspire others in our community to also step up and support this legacy project for our city and region.”

County Councilmember Stephanie Wright was instrumental in securing this funding. “Civic field is such an important asset to our community,” said County Councilmember Stephanie Wright. “We must always look for ways to sustain and improve those spaces that provide endless opportunities to bring people together.”

The City would like to invite any citizens who would like to contribute to this park to contact Carrie Hite at the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department.

This project has been years in the making. Under the ownership of the Edmonds School District, the City had permission to use the Civic Field property for more than 40 years. The School District approached the City in 2015 with its intent to sell the property, leading to negotiations for a sale and purchase agreement with the City. Under the purchase and sales agreement approved by City Council and signed by Mayor Earling, the City of Edmonds agreed to purchase Civic Field for \$1.9 million from the Edmonds School District in 2016 with the help of state and county funding. With a 50 percent matching grant from the Washington State Recreation Conservation Office for up to \$1 million, and a \$500,000 grant from Snohomish Conservation Futures, the City budgeted \$400,000 for the acquisition. The City then initiated a community planning process to develop a long-term plan for the Civic Field property, with members of the community providing significant input into the design of a Master Plan for the 8-acre property.

Next steps in the Civic Field redevelopment process include pursuing state grants as well as private donations to support what is anticipated to be an approximately \$10-\$12 million project. The City hopes to begin constructing the new community space in 2020.

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